Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Has any record been kept about the visit of Dr. Santra in any part of the State?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—All that Government have got is the report after the survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was the visit of Dr. Santra only an informal one?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It was an official visit. He visited according to the request of the State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did he visit this particular place, Pazhanji?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It cannot be said whether he visited Pazhanji or not.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did he make any enquiry?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was he given any T. A. for his journey?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No T. A. was paid.

Pay—Chief Medical Officer.

257. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the maximum pay drawn by Dr. Coombes who was the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer of the State;

(b) the pay on which Dr. Raghavendra Rao was first entertained in the Medical Department;

(c) the age at which he was first entertained;

(d) the pay that he was drawing as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer before the Health Department was separated;

(e) the pay that he now draws after the bifurcation of the Medical Department into two;

(f) the reason for such increase of pay;

(g) whether there is any request for or idea of increasing any further the pay of the present Chief Medical Officer?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) Rs. 800 per mensem.

(b) Rs. 30 per mensem.

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(c) 24 years.

(d) Rs. 600 in the grade of Rs. 550—800.

(e) Rs. 750 in the grade of Rs. 550—800.

(f) Due to periodical increment in the grade pay of Rs. 550—800.

(g) No.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is he given free quarters?

Mr P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Raman Menon—May I know what probable rent it would fetch if leased to any body else. Just to know the nature of the house, was it ever given on lease?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—No.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Has the Government any idea of what rent it would fetch?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—We have not ascertained it.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Formerly both the Sanitary Department and the Medical Department were under the same man and after the bifurcation no change was effected in the grade.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— No change was considered necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether any other officer is given free quarters?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who those officers are?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The Principal of the Maharaja's College. There were also other officers who were given free quarters.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the present service whether these are the only two officers who are given free quarters?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There are Medical officers who are given free quarters.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any other departmental head?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I do not think there is any other.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the special reason why these are given free quarters?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is based on the previous practice. Both the principal of the Maharaja's College and the C. M. O used to be given free quarters.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—With reference to Sub-divisions (e) and (g) am I to understand that he is not to get his Rs. 800? Does it mean the scale of pay?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—No reference to the scale of pay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Special Finance Committee recommended any scale of pay to the C. M. O.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether while passing orders on the Special Finance Committee Report the C. M. O. was put down in the second grade on Rs. 450 to 650?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes; the C. M. O. was graded as a second grade officer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was not the fact that the medical officer is allowed private practice the reason which induced the Government to fix his pay in the second grade in spite of the first grade which was the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—That was one of the reasons.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether he is still having private practice?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the reasons that prevailed with the Government to raise him from a second grade officer to a first grade officer?

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The previous incumbent was placed in the first grade and Government thought that it was not desirable to deny him that grade.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know in the light of the answer given to the effect that his pay was fixed at the time of passing orders on the Special Finance Committee Report in the second grade what particular reasons prevailed with the Government to raise his grade from second to first? Orders were then passed fixing him in the second grade. I mean not the individual but the officer.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—On a review of the position and status of the C. M.O. the Government thought that his scale of pay should be raised.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do you mean that the C. M. O. could function only if he is put in the first grade?

Mr. President.—Government thought that the C. M. O. should be in the first grade.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When raising his pay to the first grade was he not also the head of the Sanitary Department?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—He was.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Now there is a special Sanitary Department.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not desirable that since the Sanitary Department is started the pay of the C. M. O. should be proportionately reduced?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is not the usual practice to reduce the pay of a permanent incumbent whenever there is a change in the sphere of his work. So long as a permanent incumbent holds a particular scale of pay it is not incumbent on the Government to reduce his pay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I have no quarrel with the present incumbent whatever is paid to him. With regard to the office now it is minus the sanitary side, should not the pay be reduced? The present incumbent may be allowed to continue in the present scale.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The question of pay will arise only after the present incumbent vacates office.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When that question is taken into consideration will this aspect also be considered?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It will be.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—May I know whether all the Principals of the Maharaja's College were supplied with free quarters?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—No.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—How do the Government say that the Principals have been given free quarters?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—That has been the custom.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Were all the previous Principals given free quarters?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I did not say so.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.— May I know what they mean by custom?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Some were given free quarters.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—May I know whether the Principal is a departmental head?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— For certain purposes he is.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Of which Department?

Mr. President.—He is the head of the Maharaja's College.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—He is the head of the College Department.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.— Is there any department like that in the State?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—For certain purposes he is like the head of a department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Is it one of the terms to give him free quarters?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Pazhanji Dispensary—yearly expenditure.

258. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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